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1. LOCAL AND U.S. PRESS REPORTS ABOUT AIRCRAFT FOR THE GROC (SUCH AS THAT CITED REFTEL AND THE NEWSWEEK ARTICLE) ARE CLOSELY FOLLOWED HERE. GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE, FOR THE MOST PART, AWARE THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE TOO CONCERNED BY MOST PRESS ACCOUNTS BECAUSE THEY ARE CONTRADICTORY AS WELL AS OF DOUBTFUL AUTHORITATIVENESS, BUT THEY ARE NONETHELESS AWAITING WITH HEIGHTENED INTEREST AND CONCERN WHAT THEY HOPE WILL BE A HIGH-LEVEL DECISION SOON.

2. WE GATHER THAT ONCE A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, WE SHALL BE ABLE IMMEDIATELY TO TELL THE ROC DIRECTLY WHAT U.S.-MADE AIRCRAFT WE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE THEM ACQUIRE. IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE A DEFINITE STATEMENT TO THEM AND CERTAINLY NOT PUBLICLY THAT WE SHALL NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDE ONE AIRCRAFT (F-4) UNTIL WE CAN SAY, WITH EQUAL AUTHORITATIVENESS, THAT WE AGREE TO THEIR ACQUIRING ANOTHER AIRCRAFT (IMPROVED F-5E). UNGER

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